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In re application of

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KUSANO, YUKIHIRO, et al.

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For: RUBBER-BASED COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND RUBBER ARTICLE USING THE

SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. A Notice of Appeal was filed on August 1, 2005, making a response timely by October 3, 2005, as October 1, 2005, falls on a Saturday.

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